



## New Mexico Cruises Through 2007 Fall Schedule

### LOBOS HAVE SUCCESSFUL FALL AND GEAR FOR CHAMPIONSHIP RUN

**New Leadership For Lobos** - Former Lobo and assistant coach Jill Trujillo was promoted to head coach over the summer after spending most of the 2007 spring semester as the Lobos' interim head coach. Trujillo took over a nationally respected program last year and helped guide UNM to its 15th straight NCAA postseason appearance and 13th showing at the NCAA Championships. Trujillo is assisted by former Lobo Shelly Chilcoat-Schlagel.

**Nationally-Ranked Lobos** - New Mexico is ranked 24th nationally according to Golfweek.com. The Lobos have remained in the top 25 throughout the fall and head into the spring with high expectations. Sophomore Jodi Ewart is currently the 19th-ranked golfer in the nation. Ewart, who was an All-American as a freshman, made four top 15 finishes this fall.

**Lobos Host MWC and Nationals This Spring** - New Mexico is the home of two tournaments this spring, including the Mountain West Conference Championships on April 17-19 and the NCAA National Championships from May 20-23. The tournaments will be held at the nationally recognized UNM Championship Golf Course. The course has been the home to numerous championships including the 1987 national tournament. In 1987, Lobo Caroline Keggi dominated the field and captured the individual title on the UNM course.

**Senior Leadership** - New Mexico returns two seniors in Giselle Claux and Alexandra Phelps. Claux, native of Lima, Peru, joined the Lobo women's golf program in 2004. She has competed in 27 career events and has a 77.13 scoring average. Phelps, from Eldorado High School in Albuquerque, has played 76 rounds as a Lobo and enters her senior season with a 77.71 scoring average. Over the summer, Phelps captured her third Albuquerque City Women's Amateur championship.

**Choy Returns This Spring** - Sophomore Britney Choy will compete this spring for New Mexico after sitting out the fall with an injury. Choy, who is recovering from back surgery, is expected to be one of the top golfers for the Lady Lobos. The Wahiawa, Hawai'i native played in two tournaments as a true-freshman last season.

**UNM Inks Two Stellar Recruits** - New Mexico women's golf signed Sarah Salvo and Rebecca Hellbom to National Letters of Intent. Salvo joins the UNM program from Glendale, Calif., and is currently the 13th ranked junior player in the 2008 class. Hellbom is from Vasteras, Sweden, and is listed by several publications as one of the top juniors in Sweden.

#### Fall Recaps

##### Lobos Tie for 8th at NCAA Preview

The University of New Mexico women's golf team finished in a tie for eighth place at the Margaret Moses Branch NCAA Fall Preview played at the UNM Championship Golf Course (par 73, 6,351 yards). The Lobos shot 12-over for a 54-hole total of 888. UNM finished 28 strokes behind first-place Duke, the nation's top-ranked team led wire-to-wire. Sophomore Jodi Ewart was the Lobos' top finisher. She tied for 15th at 2-under 217 after a 1-under 72 in the final round. Junior Mikaela Backstedt was even on her final round and finished in a tie for 21st at 221, 2-over for the tournament. Fellow junior Py Bengtsson shot 74's each day, tying for 25th at 3-over 222. Senior Giselle Claux, playing as an individual, finished in a tie for 69th at 232. Senior Alexandra Phelps had a 78 to tie for 74th (233, +14), while sophomore Morgan Grantham was at 240, tying for 83rd.

##### UNM Women's Golf Finishes 12th at Ihlanfeldt Invitational

The 11th-ranked New Mexico women's golf team placed 12th at the Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational on Oct. 10 at the par 72, 6,127 yard Sahalee Country Club Golf Course. The Lobos were led by sophomore Jodi Ewart's 12th

place finish. Senior Alexandra Phelps had the best round for UNM in the finals after shooting even par. Ewart fired a 5-over par 77 in the finals and finished the tournament with a total score of 223. Ewart started the final round in sixth place but slipped to 12th and finished 7-over par for the tournament. Phelps had one of her best rounds of the year carding an even par 72 in the final round. The Albuquerque, N.M., native was 14-over par for the tournament and tied for 32nd. Phelps finished the tournament with rounds of 84, 74 and 72. Junior Mikaela Backstedt placed 58th individually after shooting 22-over par for the three-day event. Backstedt's best round of 76 came on the last day. Junior Py Bengtsson carded a 10-over par 82 in the finals and tied for 59th, while senior Giselle Claux was 70th.

##### Lobos Finishes 11th at the Stanford Intercollegiate

New Mexico women's golf finished in 11th place at the Stanford Intercollegiate on Oct. 21 at the Stanford Golf Course. Sophomore Jodi Ewart tied for 13th individually after shooting a 6-over par 219 for the event. The Lobos were 70-over par as a team while Arizona State captured the tournament title at 10-over par. Arkansas's Stacy Lewis took home the individual title at 2-under 211. Ewart entered the finals tied for third but fired a 4-over par 75 to slip into a tie for 13th. Ewart carded rounds of 69-75-75 through 54-holes. Junior Mikaela Backstedt finished tied for 53rd at 21-over par and shot a 4-over par 75 on the final day. Senior Giselle Claux was 24-over for the tournament and tied for 62nd. Junior Py Bengtsson tied for 80th. Senior Alexandra Phelps was 86th after shooting 34-over par. Phelps shot her best round of 3-over par 74 in the final round.

##### Lobo Women's Golf Ties for Fifth at Las Vegas Showdown

New Mexico women's golf tied for fifth at the Las Vegas Showdown held at the par 72, 6,050 yard Angel Park Mountain Golf Course. The Lobos shot an even par 288 in the finals to jump five spots on the team leader board. Junior Mikaela Backstedt finished 10th individually after shooting a 1-under par. Sophomore Jodi Ewart and senior Alexandra Phelps both tied for 11th. Ewart shot 1-under par 71 in the final round while Phelps was even Wednesday. Denver captured the team title by 11 strokes over Arizona. Backstedt cracked the top 10 individually after carding a 2-over par. Backstedt had three birdies on the final day and moved up five spots. Ewart, who ranked 15th according to Golfstat, was tied for 25th heading into the finals and leaped into a tie for 11th. During the tournament, Ewart carded rounds of 75-73-71 for a total of 219. Phelps also shot a 219 for the three rounds and moved up four places on the final day. In one of her best outings, Phelps was 3-over par for the tournament with rounds of 71-76-72. Senior Giselle Claux finished tied for 58th after finishing the tournament at 13-over par. Claux, who was playing unattached, had her best round Wednesday after shooting an even par 72. Junior Morgan Grantham was 2-over par 74 in the final round and was 14-over par for the tournament. Grantham tied for 61st individually. Junior Py Bengtsson was 92nd after going 33-over par after three rounds. Bengtsson was 14-over par on the final day.

##### UNM Women's Golf Places 10th at Hooters Match Play Championship

New Mexico women's golf was defeated by Purdue, 3-2-0, on Nov. 6 in the final day of the Hooters Collegiate Match Play Championship held at the Ginn Reunion Resort in Kissimmee, Fla. The Lobos placed 10th in the three-day event and reached the consolation final against the Boilermakers. Sophomore Jodi Ewart and junior Morgan Grantham collected wins against Purdue. Duke captured their fourth team title in as many tries as they defeated Georgia, 3-1-1. The Lobos were among the nation's top programs invited to play in the tournament and went 2-2 against No. 6 Georgia, No. 14 South Carolina, No. 7 Vanderbilt and No. 4 Purdue. UNM dropped its opening round to Georgia on a tiebreaker and moved past South Carolina in a tie. The Lobos beat Vanderbilt to reach the consolation final where they lost to Purdue.